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SUBJ: ENERGY: PRAVDA AVOIDS COMMENT ON ARAB OIL EMBARGO

1. SUMMARY. TASS REPORT ON TRIPOLI OIL CONFERENCE  
IN PRAVDA (MARCH 14) AVOIDS DIRECT SOVIET  
COMMENT ON ARAB OIL BOYCOTT. ARTICLE, HOWEVER,  
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PLAYS BACK ARAB PRESS AS INDICATING MAJORITY OF ARABS

FAVOR CONTINUING OIL BOYCOTT AGAINST U.S. WE HAVE SEEN NO DIRECT SOVIET STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE EMBARGO IN THE SOVIET PRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. TASS ARTICLE ON OPENING OF ARAB CONFERENCE AT TRIPOLI SAYS PARTICIPANTS WILL DISCUSS OIL EMBARGO AGAINST U.S. AND WILL REVIEW QUESTION OF ILLEGAL OIL DELIVERIES TO EMBARGOED COUNTRIES.

3. ACCORDING TO TASS, ARAB SOURCES REPORT THAT ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES DIVIDE ARABS ON OIL BOYCOTT. SOURCES SAY EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA FAVOR LIFTING OR EASING EMBARGO 'JUSTIFYING THIS BY THE FACT THAT CHANGES HAVE SUPPOSEDLY OCCURED IN U.S. POLICY" ON THE MIDDLE EAST. IRAQ, ALGERIA, LIBYA AND KUWAIT ARE REPORTED TO OPPOSE LIFTING THE EMBARGO. ARTICLE CITES ALGERIAN "ASH SHAAB" TO EFFECT THAT EMBARGO SHOULD CONTINUE BECAUSE ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL A FEW MILES INTO SINAI CANNOT SERVE AS PROOF OF A CHANGE IN ISRAELI AND U.S. POLICY. MOREOVER ISRAEL INTENDS TO CONTINUE GOLAN OCCUPATION AND TO REFUSE TALKS ABOUT RESTORING PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

4. REPORT CONCLUDES THAT ARAB SOURCES ASSUME THAT SYRIA, WHICH IS "PLACING QUESTION OF LIFTING EMBARGO IN DIRECT DEPENDENCE ON PROGRESS IN DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, "WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON THE CONFERENCE.

5. COMMENT: IN CONTRAST TO UPI (MARCH 12) REPORT THAT SOVIET ARABIC LANGUAGE BROADCAST URGED ARABS TO CONTINUE BOYCOTT, SOVIET PRESS HAS AVOIDED TAKING POSITION ON QUESTION. TASS ARTICLE PRESENTS PRO-BOYCOTT ARGUMENTS IN SYMPATHETIC LIGHT, AND CLEARLY PORTRAYS EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA IN THE MINORITY. HOWEVER, ARTICLE AVOIDS ANY DIRECT SOVIET POSITION ON THE MERITS OF THE ISSUE.  
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